Submission of Annual Property return by Senior Officers

1721. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that submission of annual property returns by the senior Government officers is not being strictly enforced; and

(b) the number of the Central Government officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above including those in the Income Tax Department, Customs and Enforcement Department, who have not filed their annual property returns during the last five years, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken against the erring officials including those who have retired during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) All Group 'A' and 'B' officers are required to file their Annual Property Returns under their respective Conduct Rules to their Cadre Controlling Authorities. Violations by erring and retired officials, if any are taken care of by these authorities. The information is not centrally maintained.

Shortage of IAS/IPS officers in Chhattisgarh

1722. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of officers of the Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Services in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the State Government has demanded IAS and IPS officers from the Centre as per its requirement; and

(c) Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) In the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), against the authorized strength of 100, 80 officers are in position. In order to fill the gap, 9 IAS officers have been allowed inter-cadre deputation to Chhattisgarh. In the Indian Police Service (IPS) 57 officers are in position against the authorized strength of 59.

(b) Yes, Sir.